# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

BENSLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC., on its own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated, Plaintiff, v. MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC., MARSH, INC., ACE USA, ACE INA, AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, AMERICAN REINSURANCE COMPANY, ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., HILB ROGAL & HOBBS, COMPANY, WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS, LTD., WILLIS NORTH AMERICA INC., WILLIS GROUP Civil Action No. 05 11249 GAO LTD., UNIVERSAL LIFE RESOURCES, UNIVERSAL LIFE RESOURCES, INC. (d/b/a ULR INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.), THE CHUBB CORPORATION, USI HOLDINGS, INC., METLIFE, INC., PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC., UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION, THE ST. PAUL TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC., ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, LIBERTY MUTUAL GROUP INC., LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF WAUSAU, and ST. JAMES INSURANCE COMPANY LTD., Defendants.

#### MOTION TO STAY THIS ACTION PENDING A DETERMINATION ON TRANSFER BY THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

Defendants Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., Marsh, Inc., ACE USA, ACE INA, American International Group, Inc., American Reinsurance Company, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company, Willis Group Holdings, Ltd., Willis

North America Inc., Willis Group Ltd., Universal Life Resources, Universal Life Resources, Inc. (d/b/a ULR Insurance Services, Inc.), USI Holdings, Inc., MetLife, Inc., Prudential Financial, Inc., UnumProvident Corporation, The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc., and Zurich American Insurance Company (collectively, "Movants") hereby moves this Court to stay this action until the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the "JPML") either transfers this action or denies transfer. <sup>1</sup>

This action is one of over twenty cases filed in or removed to various federal courts across the country against insurers and insurance brokers on the heels of an investigation by the New York Attorney General. Plaintiff's action, like each of the other actions in federal court, is based on the allegations contained in the New York Attorney General complaints. The purported class sought to be certified in this action is a virtual subset of the class sought to be certified in the other federal actions. In light of the similarity of the various actions, the JPML in February 2005 transferred three cases that had been brought to its attention to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, where they have been assigned to Judge Faith S. Hochberg as In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1663. Some twenty cases have now been consolidated before the MDL court. On June 17, 2005, the JPML clerk was notified

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that the above-captioned matter raises issues of fact and law in common with the

previously transferred actions and should be similarly transferred to Judge Hochberg.

For the reasons set for the herein and in the accompanying Memorandum in

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Movants respectfully request that this

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Dated: June 20, 2005

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